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E.O. 11652:MIGDS

TAGS : OCLR GV US

SUBJECT : VISIT OF U.S. NAVAL SHIPS TO CONAKRY

REF: A. STATE 210331

B. CONAKRY 1640

C. STATE 206987

1. IN VIEW U.S. POSITION ON CERTAIN CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES (E.G. MID EAST, GUINEA BISSAU) AND SEKOU TOURE'S RENEWED FEARS OF IMMINENT INVASION, HAVE DECIDED NOT TO RAISE QUESTION OF NAVAL VISIT AT THIS TIME.

2. BELIEVE THAT IF REQUEST WERE MADE, IT ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE DISCUSSED WITH SOVIETS, WHO EXERCISE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR GUINEAN COASTAL DEFENSE AND WHO LIKELY SUCCESSFULLY OPPOSE IT NOW ON SECURITY GROUNDS.

3. EVEN GREATER RISK IS THAT NO MATTER HOW REQUEST PRESENTED, GUINEANS ON THEIR OWN MAY FALSELY SUSPECT U.S. MOTIVES OR SOVIETS AND OTHER COMMUNISTS WOULD USE OCCASION OF REQUEST, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND OF VISIT IF IT WERE APPROVED, TO SPREAD FALSE STORIES ABOUT

U.S. INTENTIONS. SUCH SUSPICIONS OR STOREIS WOULD NEGATE ANY GOOD-WILL VALUE THAT COULD COME FROM VISIT AT THIS TIME.

4. WELL BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL A, HAD FULLY CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF EMBARRASSING INCIDENTS CONNECTED WITH SHORE ACTIVITIES AND HAD CONCLUDED THAT GIVEN NORMAL DISCIPLINE AMONG SHIP'S CREW, WHICH WE FULLY EXPECTED, THERE WOULD BE NO EMBARRASSING INCIDENTS. FELT CERTAIN THAT ONE GUINEA DECIDED TO PERMIT VISIT, IT WOULD TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENSURE FROM ITS SIDE THAT EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTHLY.

5. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, RATHER THAN RISK HAVING SOME OF SEKOU TOURE'S SUSPICIONS REINFORCED, BELIEVE IT BEST TO FOREGO EVEN REQUEST FOR VISIT NOW. HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR NAVAL VISIT IN CHANGED ATMOSPHERE. WILL ADVISE WHEN THIS POSSIBILITY DEVELOPS.  
TODMAN

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